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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MAXIMUM/MINIMUM THERMOMETER

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application. Attached hereto at page four is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

## In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page one, below the title "MAXIMUM/MINIMUM THERMOMETER," please insert — This application claims priority from Great Britain Application No. 9905216.9 filed March 9, 1999 and PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/00833, filed March 7, 2000, both in English, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.—

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 5, 6, 9, 18 and 19 as follows.

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5. (Amended) The maximum/minimum thermometer according to claim 1 wherein the transfer liquid remains substantially liquid at least between -30°C and +50°C.